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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PARLIAMENTARIAN SAYS PLO APPROVED KING
HUSSEIN'S MOVE

1. I WAS TOLD FEB 11 BY WEST BANK PARLIAMENTAIRIAN MISBAH KAZMI, WHO ATTENDED RECENT MEETINGS IN AMMAN, THAT WHEN IUJWAM MET WITH KING HUSSEIN LATTER OUTLINED HIS PROPOSAL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS, AND STATED THAT HIS MOVE HAD BEEN APPROVED BY SAUDIS, SYRIANS, AND PLO. DR. IBRAHIM TLEEL, SO-CALLED "MAYOR" OF EAST JERUSALEM, SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME INFORMATION.

2. I EXPRESSED SURPRISE RE PLO. WHILE NEITHER SAUDIS NOR SYRIANS HAD, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, CRITICIZED KING'S INITIATIVE, I HAD IMPRESSION PLO HAD ISSUED CRITICAL COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON VOICE OF PALESTINE. BOTH INTERLOCUTORS REITERATED KING'S ASSURANCE THAT PLO HAD GIVEN PRIOR APPROVAL AND THOUGHT APPARENT CONTRADICTION PERHAPS DUE TO WORD NOT HAVING FILTERED DOWNT VOICE OF PALESTINE.

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3. KAZMI SAID KING HUSSEIN EXPLAINED POSTPONEMENT OF
ELECTIONS NECESSARY BECAUSE, IF ELECTIONS HELD ONLY ON
EAST BANK, ISRAELIS WOULD SEIZE PRETEXT TO EXTEND ISRAELI
LAW THROUGHOUT WEST BANK.
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